

REMARKS

Claims 3, 12, 19 and 38 have been amended. Claims 3-25, 27, 37 and 38 are pending and under consideration.

Independent claim 3 (used as an example herein) recites the currently tuned in channel is a channel corresponding to a program which is viewed just before the program guide command is executed.

In contrast, the cited references do not teach or suggest these features. Instead, Cuccia describes that upon receiving a predetermined user command, the compound EPG is retrieved from the storage means 120 and displayed on the screen 108 (column 4, lines 50-52). Cuccia also teaches that when a user activates a TV receiver, the process for acquiring EPG information is interrupted (column 5, lines 52-54). In Mankovitz, the viewer is allowed to tune and display channels from one television signal source while the VCR 740 scans the other television signal source for guide information (column 8, lines 10-14). Therefore, the tuned and displayed channels in Mankovitz are always different from the channels used for obtaining program guide information.

Independent claim 3 also recites said acquiring of the program guide information is executed in response to the program guide command being input by a user. Instead, Cuccia teaches that EPG information is acquired when the TV set is in a stand-by mode or when the signal processing means 140 is processing signals from sources other than the tuner 103 (column 4, lines 40-55). In Mankovitz, television guide information starts to be acquired when the conditions of the television are OFF and the proper time for receiving a television guide are satisfied (see column 5, lines 57-61).

The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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